





# Farm News and Reports

## SEED IS SHORT IN SUPPLY FOR FALL PLANTING

AUBURN—Seed shortages are casting a cloud across the fall planting picture in Alabama and other southern states. These shortages spell trouble in the form of lower quality seed and higher prices.

Therefore, API Extension Agronomist Melvin Moore this week urged farmers to make immediate arrangements for buying their fall seed supplies. Growers who delay may not be able to get high quality seed of

the better recommended varieties and will have to settle for second or third choice seed of inferior varieties.

Moore summed up the fall seed supply this way: Extreme-ly short oats, wheat, barley and rye; short crimson clover, slightly below normal, alfalfa and White Dutch clover; adequate Austrian winter peas, vetches, fescue, rescue, and ryegrasses; not more than adequate Ladino clover.

The fall seed shortage stems directly from weather conditions, heavy rains, dampness, and cloudiness. These condi-

tions caused seed crops to become victims of such diseases as mildew, rust and the like. Moore predicted that the expected higher seed prices would not be out of reason. And he advised farmers to pay the few additional cents per pound or bushel of seed to get the higher quality of recommended varieties. These few cents will be more than paid back when the yields are counted. He believes that the short seed supply will cause more farmers to plant vetches and other cover crops to enrich their soil.

Looking on the brighter side, a home freezer normally will run about 18 hours out of 24 hours. But, a dirty condenser will cause it to run 20 hours a day and an added thick coat of ice crystals means 22 hours of running time. Thus, when a load of warm food is to be frozen, the freezer is incapable of maintaining a low temperature. Even if the motor doesn't break down, the food quality will go down.

Miss Curtis said the condenser should be brushed or blown free of accumulated lint and dust. If the motor is not sealed in, then fill the oil cups. On the older belt driven freezers, inspect the belt for breaks and adjust the tension for smooth running.

The housewife can shorten the defrosting time, according to Miss Curtis, by using an ordinary room fan to blow warm air down into the freezer box. The fan can be lifted out as soon as it lowers its trip on the defroster's wall and the entire compartment cleaned with soap and water.

Miss Curtis suggested packing frozen food in cardboard cartons during the defrosting process, with them returning them to the freezer shortly after it goes back into operation. But she warned against a dirty warm food to be frozen until the freezer is operating at zero temperature once again.

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## PREPARE HOME FREEZERS FOR SUMMER LOAD

AUBURN—Home freezers cost money, and utility home-owners protect this investment by giving their freezers the best possible care, including an annual defrosting and thorough cleaning.

An API Extension Food Preservation Specialist, Lavada Curtis this week advised home-makers to take care of the defrosting and cleaning chores immediately. Then the freezer will enter its heavy season in tip-top shape.

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## OUT ON A LIMB

By Stumpy McCulloch

A fellow was selling some of that Fossan O'Youth diet at the County Fair. "Look at me," he shouted, "I'm hale and hearty, and I'm over 300 years old!"

"Good," a girl in the audience yelled to the young assistant, "is he really that old?"

"I can't say," the assistant replied. "I've only worked for him for 100 years."

All over the country nowadays, they sell me, sawmills are used every part of a tree, sometimes even the bark. In fact, one lumber company sells ten million dollars worth of paper a year, which is made out of the bark of the tree. It's no mystery why this is happening. It's because the price of trees and timberland is going up every year, and wood chips have become too valuable to waste.

Early this year, the government prices on timber soared to a new high—now about 50 per cent higher than 1955 prices, and 28 per cent higher than 1954 prices. This is mighty good news to us tree farmers.

My neighbor Joe Moon just got back from Oregon, where he went through one of them big sawmill "mighty" experiences, he says. He saw one mill where wood chips were whittled by machinery into water about the size of a paper cup. Then the chips are fed into a tube, and blown at the rate of a mile a minute into a giant paper mill a mile away. Ain't that something?

That ain't all the mills are using other modern gauges too. Joe saw one lumber mill where a fellow sits every night in front of a 17-inch television screen. But the only program he sees is a steady flow of chips into a box, a quarter of a mile away! The TV set allows him to watch over the mill's three chip-ping machines and keep an eye on the circulating operation at the same time!

A good safety rule to follow, it seems to me, is never drive spikes or nails into trees or logs that may later be sent to a mill.

"There may be times when you, the kind old lady, old tramp, all they need is a little meaning."

"But I'll be right in half an hour!"

So loop, see you soon!

## FARMERS CAN FILE NOW FOR TAX REFUNDS

AUBURN—Tax news can be good news when it's about refunds. And thousands of farmers can claim refunds now for the federal excise tax they paid on gasoline during the past year.

API Extension Economist Foy Helms this week reminded farmers to file their refund claims for this federal tax paid on each gallon of gas used during the year ending June 30. These claims can be filed any time between now and Oct. 1. The refund amounts to three cents for each gallon of gas bought during the tax period.

However, Helms explained, refunds can be claimed only for tax on gasoline used in cultivating the soil or raising or harvesting any agricultural or horticultural product; for improvement or maintenance work on either the farm or tools and equipment; and for handling, drying, picking, grading, or storing any crop or harvesting any forest product for market.

Farmers can not claim a refund for taxes paid on gasoline for personal use off the farm, on the highway or some other place.

But they may claim a refund on gasoline used on their farms by a neighbor or hired custom operator in planting, cultivating, or harvesting any agricultural or horticultural crop, or for the raising, sharing, feeding, caring for, training, and management of livestock, bees, poultry, and wildlife.

Helms said farmers must file these claims on Internal Revenue Service Form 2240, which they may obtain from the District Director of Internal Revenue at Birmingham. And he urged growers to keep sufficient records to verify the ac-

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## MAKE DEAN'S LIST

Two students from New Brighton have been named to the 1957 Spring semester Dean's list at the University of Alabama. A 2.5 average or above is required for qualification for the list. (All A's equal a 3 point and all B's a 2 point average). They are Seth T. Jones and John A. Morrow.

Cemetery Working There will be a cemetery cleaning at Friendship Church, near Richburg, Saturday, July 13th.

Venetian Blind Lindsey - Thomason



Cancer can't strike me, I'm hiding.

Cancer?

The American Cancer Society says that too many people die of it. NEEDLESSLY! That's why I have an annual medical checkup however well I feel. I know the seven danger signals, and when I want some information, I get it from my Unit of the AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY.

## Castle of the Knights



CRUSADER STRONGHOLD IN SYRIA: Travel from Paris to the Seine to Baghdad on the Tigris, a stretch of 4500 miles embracing ten countries, is now possible by land at a total transportation cost of less than \$125. This trip covers almost a fourth of the globe's surface and takes one through France, West Germany, Austria, Yugoslavia, Greece, Turkey, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq. This journey enables one to see, among other things, the 800-year old Crusader Castles which dot the Bible Lands from the Northern border of Syria to the Gulf of Aqaba in Southern Jordan. Pictured above is the Castle of the Knights (Karak des Chevaliers), described by Lawrence of Arabia as the "most admirably preserved castle in the world." It is a few hours driving distance from Beirut or Damascus. Further information may be obtained from the Arab Information Center, Travel Development Section, 120 E. 58th St., New York 22, N. Y.



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## Through the Keyhole

BY MRS. ROBERT CANNON

This Perth proved to be a gay one, with Elliotts traveling to all points to visit family and friends or just to relax.

In Florida, at Sunnyside Beach, John and Ida Kimmy entertained a houseparty of friends. Frances Comer, Idei and Billy Oges, Mace, Rachael and Sherri Cook, Louis and Gayle Stephens and Neil and Dred Cook spent the leisure days sunning and sailing.

Next door, James and Mary Alice Wise had as their guests, the Warrs, Irma, Milton, Janice and Sara. While just a few steps up the road were all the Dorseys. Didn't find out if Dorsey and Charles Lindsey were there, but couldn't imagine a Fourth without their being at the beach.

Kate and Boyd Murphree, Susan and Janet, had a pleasant vacation enjoying the charms of our neighboring state, Maine and Frank Rainer, and daughter Nancy, and Marilyn, joined them on Wednesday.

Another party was held last week at the home of Betty and Oscar Vaughan, and it was in

honor of a very demure young Miss named Vicki, who is now four years old. Vicki's cake was pink decorated with roses and candles. She, in her Dresden doll pretyness, was the perfect little hostess and all the guests had a grand time.

It was nice to have the opportunity to meet Betty's Mother and sister in law, Mrs. J. C. Caldwell and Mrs. Charles Caldwell, who were here for the big day.

Among the little folks attending were: Terry and Ann Martin, Julie, Jackie, Dent, Lucia Stephens, Ricky Rainer, Mark Vaughan, David and Cindy Stokes, Nina Mescham, Mary Harriet and Mike Bullard, Phil and Ann English, Courtney Cunniff, Pam and Marie Vaughan, Hugh Martin, Alice Eublish, Sandra and Betty Coffey, Marilyn Rainer, Lee Hamm, Eddie Kelly, Vicki and Paul Taylor, Dixie King, Linda and Warren English, Charlotte Stanford, Randy Hendrix, Vann Clark, Louise Lachin, Marjorie Rainer, Joe Ann King, Neil Cook, Ollie Ray Martin, Edna Boswell. It was a lovely party.

An intimate dinner for six couples was given by Genette and J. Doug Hendrix, last Wednesday. The buffet table held many tempting dishes and after serving themselves, the

guests were seated at small tables covered in linen with cloths. Genette told us that last sister Mary Ruth had sent the cloths from Tripoli, when several of us commented on their beauty.

J. Doug has that rare ability of making everyone welcome and all of us lingered on, hesitant to leave such fine companionship and conversation. It was a time to remember.

Chit Chat—Jimmy Wise's lovely new home is certainly a traffic stopper—So nice to get a big hello from Jimmy Bowdoin, who has always been our idea of what the "All American Boy" should be—So sorry to hear that Jean Paul is in Gibson hospital, in need of a rest. We'll miss her gentle friendliness. Recent visitors in the home of Betty and Kimmie Dorsey were friends from Oklahoma, whom they hadn't seen since many days. Have heard so many compliments paid to Nona and Ed Cooper's new young son.

44 Per Cent of All Alabama Homes Serve Biscuits... UNIVERSITY—Biscuits are served once a day by 33 per cent of Alabama homemakers, and 17 percent serve them at least once a week.

Rural families serve the favorite "hot biscuits" much more frequently than city families, and large families serve them more often than small families. Of all families serving biscuits at any time, 36 percent use a commercial "mix" in preparing them.

Those are among the findings in the newest research study on food habits of Alabamians to come from the Laboratory of Human Nutrition in the UA School of Home Economics.

Miss Kathleen Stitt, research associate, obtained information from 2,168 homemakers, rural and urban, from all parts of the state, in her study on the use of prepared mixes. The study were biscuits, yeast, rolls, muffins, cakes, cookies, pancakes, puddings, pastry, and kins.

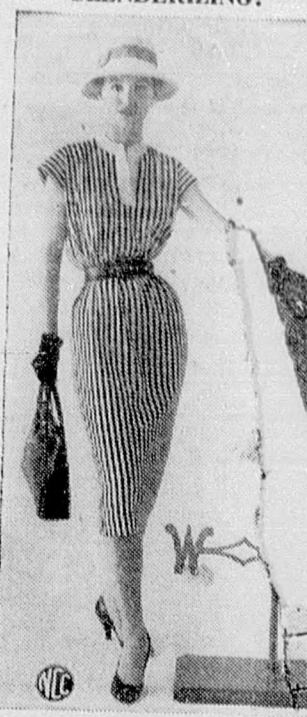
The information is of importance to dietitians and community nutritionists and others who advise families on their food purchases and preparation. The complete study is published in the current Journal of Home Economics.

Exams Announced For Alabama Jobs The following examinations were announced this week by the State Personnel Department:

Title of Position Salary Range Engineering Design \$222-\$295 Assistant I Clerk Messenger \$148-\$198 Highway Patrolman \$250-\$342 Additional information may be obtained by contacting the State Personnel Department, State Capitol, Montgomery.

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## MRS. KENDRICK RETURNS FROM NEA CENTENNIAL

Mrs. J. W. Kendrick, teacher of English in the Elba High School, attended the Centennial Convention of the National Education Association in Philadelphia, June 28, through July 5, as one of the 35 delegates from Alabama appointed by the state president.

The convention was addressed by Vice President Richard M. Nixon Wednesday and heard a program by the Philadelphia Orchestra which is under the direction of Eugene Ormandy. She made the trip to Philadelphia and returned by plane.

leaving Philadelphia Thursday at 8:30 a. m. and had lunch in Montgomery before continuing to Elba.

Hurricane Audrey has left thousands of victims homeless in Louisiana. Many homes have been flattened, many are so badly wrecked it'll take weeks to make them habitable. It will take time and money. You can help them. The Red Cross is appealing for funds to restore these homes. Send your contribution to American Red Cross, Elba, Alabama.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Sallie Crocker, of Elba and Mrs. Nettie Marshall, of Phenix City.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon from Hebron Church with the Rev. B. S. Mulory officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery with Hays Funeral Home directing.

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DEATH OF MRS. VANCE Mrs. Lulu Vance, 89, long-time and highly esteemed resident of the Bluff Springs community, died at her home Friday, July 5, following a long illness. She had a host of friends. She was an active member of Hebron Baptist Church.

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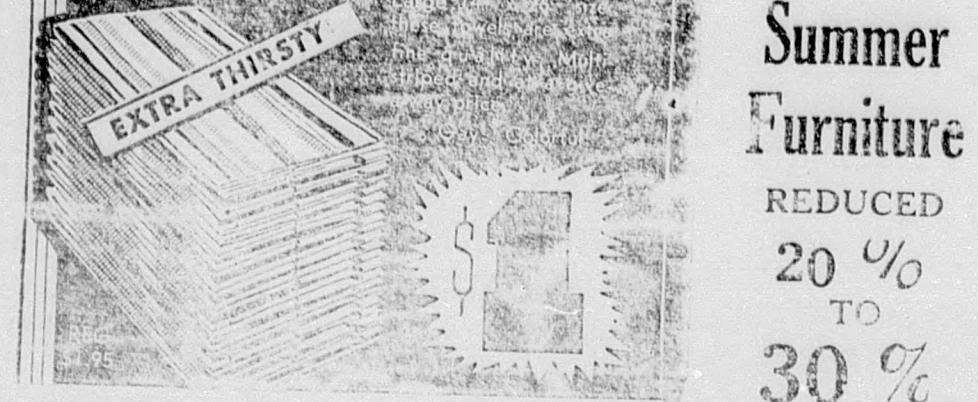
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CARD OF THANKS - We wish to take this opportunity to thank all our friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy during the illness of our wife and mother, Mrs. Helen Blair, especially those who gave blood for transfusions, and for the many gifts of flowers. We pray God's blessings on all of you. Hasten Blair and Children

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Preston Jones 7 6.30  
Bass Groves 17 48.50  
Price-Jenkins Corp. 112.25  
Seaborn 112.25  
Armstrong 112.25  
Rutley Co. Non Res. 27.30  
Ellis Edgins 6 6.83  
Marvin Rogers 23 9.24

Given under my hand and seal of office. This 9 day of July, 1957.

Ben F. Conner, As Tax Collector of Coffee County, Alabama

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ASKS CAREER MAN - Alabama should make its public safety director a non-political career man, in the interest of better law enforcement, said the Enforcement Committee to the Alabama Safety Conference headed by Hugh M. Comer, industrialist from Sylacauga.

Gov. James E. Folsom called the conference.

SUN FUN! - Found on counter, a file of papers including catalogue 20, of Eastern Newspaper Supply Inc., and material of Technical Trade School, more than a week ago. Owner please call and identify.

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CURTAIN HOURS - The Selective Service Local Board No. 16, Elba, Alabama, will be open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday only, beginning July 1, 1957. Closed Thursday and Friday of each week.

SOLDIER PROMOTED - FORT BLISS, TEX. - Curtis R. Dobbins, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Dobbins, Route 4, Elba, Ala., recently was promoted to Sergeant First Class at Fort Bliss, Tex., where he is assigned to the 1st Guided Missile Bn.

Sgt. Dobbins, an instructor in the battalion's Battery A, entered the Army in 1951. He was a radio repairman for Western Auto before entering the Army.

SACRED HARP SING - A Sacred Harp Sing will be held Sunday, July 21, at the Zion Chapel Baptist Church. Everyone is invited.

## About People

### And Things

BY C. B. McDOWELL

MELONS, CANTALOUPES

DELUXE

That is a good description of the watermelons and cantaloupes Robert (Bill) De Vaughn left at my home one day this week. He did the same thing last year, and I have learned to know just what "de luxe" melons and cantaloupes are.

Mr. De Vaughn has practically gone out of the cotton and peanut-growing business, but his melons, cantaloupes, and other garden stuff have been unusually good this year. He has the largest young peach orchard in this section and has set out many thousands of pine seedlings on his lands between Elba and New Brockton.

He recently stated that conception on his 25 acre farm, located one-fourth mile south of highway 84, is progressing. When completed, this pond will be the second largest in Coffee County. He has promised me that I will have the privilege of scrapping the cream of the pond for my own use. He is the pond project for his formal opening to the public. I hope his fish prove to be as "de luxe" as his melons and cantaloupes.

The meeting was attended by about 1,500 of the 3,300 members from Covington and Coffee and Crenshaw counties who heard David Hamill, administrator for Rural Electrification Administration, Washington, D. C., declare the "REA program has done more for farm people than any other government program."

He said the REA is a program "without political lines" which has advanced \$2.8 billion to rural electric co-ops over the country. "I hope there will never be a failure to provide service to members," he said.

Basel Thompson, Covington co-manager, and the board were complimented by Mr. Hamill as "some of the best."

He was introduced by L. A. McWilliams, Prattville, president of the Alabama Assn. of REA.

Lots of Fishing - Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cunningham, who have been gallivanting around quite freely since they relinquished ownership of the Elba Clipper, have returned home from an extensive tour through Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, and Florida.

Mr. Cunningham said that they did lots of fishing of various kinds for the many tribes and otherwise, but about all they had for their endeavors and expenditures were excellent coats of tan. He said the fish just wouldn't bite. He said they intend to remain at home for a while and may even have to go to work (not in his wife's garden).

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All the board members and officers were re-elected except one.

The meeting was attended by about 1,500 of the 3,300 members from Covington and Coffee and Crenshaw counties who heard David Hamill, administrator for Rural Electrification Administration, Washington, D. C., declare the "REA program has done more for farm people than any other government program."

He said the REA is a program "without political lines" which has advanced \$2.8 billion to rural electric co-ops over the country. "I hope there will never be a failure to provide service to members," he said.

Basel Thompson, Covington co-manager, and the board were complimented by Mr. Hamill as "some of the best."

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## "HOT" WIRE IS FATAL TO MAN AT WORK HERE

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Holley was pronounced dead four and a half hours after he suffered the electric shock while installing the unit at the home of William McCullough, Smith Avenue. He was drilling a hole through the floor with a brace and a bit when the tip came in contact with a "hot" wire.

Gets No Answer - P. H. "Chick" Sellers, a fellow workman, said he heard the drill turn a few times then stop. Sellers said he called to him, and when he received no answer he went over to the house and found him motionless on the ground.

Holley was removed to the McCullough yard and the Elba Chief Bow Dunaway and Highway Patrolman Earl Fordham made a quick trip to Opp where a pulmotor was secured. Artificial respiration was administered to the stricken man 4 1/2 hours, but he succumbed at 10:30 without regaining consciousness.

For a time it was not definitely decided whether Holley had met death by electrocution or suffocation, but later investigations revealed that his drill had touched a live wire.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Holley, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Holley, a brother Jimmy Holley, two sisters, Joann and Janice Holley, all of Elba.

Funeral services were held Friday at 3 p. m. at Liberty Church of Christ with the Rev. Dan Dobbins, the Rev. Willard Willis and the Rev. Ed Young officiating.

Interment was in the cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

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## John Henry Davis Dies At 85 In Old Home He Loved

### WIDOW AND 12 CHILDREN LEFT BY INO FARMER

John Henry Davis is dead. An illness of several weeks ended the life of the old farmer on Wednesday night, July 10, at his home in the Ino community just before his 85th birthday.

"Slow Jim" died as he lived, though he had amassed considerable wealth, he preferred the even tempo of life that prevailed in the South more than 70 years ago.

Few Changes - Few changes were ever made in the house and grounds around his place since it was built about 74 years ago. Split rail fences still surround the broad acres and only a few years ago hand-hewn shingles were used to replace the roof on the house. Aided one man stands at one side.

No electric current has ever run in the home and he once said the longest trip he ever made was to Illinois to visit a daughter.

Only once did he own a car, and that was when he took the car to collect a debt. Then he sold it as soon as he could find a buyer who would give him an amount equal to the original debt.

The kitchen of the home was built separate from the house, and heating facilities consist of small fireplaces in the rooms while the kitchen has a wood or coal-burning range for cooking.

Recalls Hard Times - To callers who complained about present day acreage all over the world, he would recall the hard times of years gone by when "you could raise as much of everything as you wanted, but couldn't sell it."

A hired man could be secured for 50c a day but the crops for raising could not be sold.

He was born near where he died and lived all his life.

He leaves the widow, who will be 84 next September, and 12 children, all of whom have lived in a wheel-chair since she lost and injured a hip six years ago.

Other survivors include: six sons, S. M. Davis, of Samson, T. R. Davis, of Brewton, Henry C. R. P. and J. C. Davis, all of Elba; six daughters, Mrs. Mary C. P. Fraizer, Mrs. Laura Wesley, both of Elba; Mrs. Felice Phillips of Belleville, Ill.; Mrs. Lillie Chamberlain of Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Clyde Harper of Opp and Mrs. Gladys Cunningham of Fredericksburg, Va.; several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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Fairview Baptists To Start Revival - A revival will begin at Fairview Baptist Church, Sunday, July 21, and continue indefinitely with services daily at 7:30 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.

Music will be under the direction of Milton McLeary, of Trenton, Fla. The Rev. Reuben B. Davis, pastor, will deliver the message at each service.

Police Chief Takes Long Vacation Tour - Police Chief Bow Dunaway is on a week's vacation and assistant Chief Willie Williamson is in charge of the City's law enforcement affairs during his absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunaway, two daughters and son first went to Bristol, Va., where "Big Boy" was reared and has many relatives, and then went to Roanoke, Ala., and the Chattanooga Valley Textile Mill district, where Bow spent a number of years.

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